

GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club, Inc. March 2023 Newsletter



What's Happening in April!



President's Message

Dear Coco Plum Friends,

As of this writing, the Brunch & Broadway second annual event has taken place. With a sold out crowd, we have introduced the community to a well kept secret. The Coco

Plum Woman's Club is making a difference in the communities where we live and work.

The majority of those in attendance were from the outside community. Business and community leaders coming to join us in our quest to make a difference. We are reaching out beyond our membership.

I received several inquiries on what is needed to become a member of Coco Plum. Sustainability, as a community service organization is achieved with growth of its membership.

While we gather together as friends for social events, we also come together to be a part of the change to make a difference.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Brunch & Broadway event. For those who could not attend, you were truly missed. I am grateful to report that there will be 2 graduating high school seniors awarded a scholarship.

"There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward."

Kahil Gibran, The Prophet

Congratulations Coco Plum Woman's Club.

Carol Nobles
President

April Birthdays

Happy
Birthday
Members

Marielle M. 2nd

Sally P. 14th

Laura P. 30th



Welcome New Members



Marion Weiss

EDUCATION and LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



Overview of this CSP - GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in this CSP are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.

Chairmen, Charlene Feldner and Barbara Wexler

Hello Dollies! It was so nice to have you join us Saturday for Brunch & Broadway! All our members and guests enjoyed the fabulous entertainment and delicious food.

Thank you so much for supporting our Education Fundraiser. Our annual Max Gruver Scholarship will be given to two exceptional Dade County students.

Our outstanding and dedicated committee worked hard to make this event a huge success. This year we had the added support of our Diamond, Emerald, and Ruby Sponsors. It was great to see them at our event enjoying themselves.

Barbara & Charlene





ARTS and CULTURE COMMUNITIY SERVICE PROGRAM

The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.

Chairman, Aminta Konawicz



ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Overview of this CSP - The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become

stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. Environmental degradation is cumulative and many scientists warn that we are at a tipping point. There is no time like the present to act.

Chairmen, Donna Falana and Norma Craig



Our speaker for **April 12 will be Glenn Huberman from Fairchild Garden.** Glenn is a Master Gardener, and has given numerous presentations on what to plant in our yards to attract butterflies and birds, and will be speaking to us about the same. Glenn also leads two teams at Fairchild's exotic butterfly exhibit, and leads early bird walks there.

Also, bird migration is from March to May, with millions heading north and passing through Florida. They generally travel at night using stars as navigational aids. Brightly lit cities impede their vision and steer them off course. The "Lights out Miami" initiative urges homeowners to turn off or block non-essential lights from 11:00 PM to sunrise through May 15 to protect migratory birds traveling through our region.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



Overview of this CSP - The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. This Community Service Program highlights and encourages citizenship; crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; the needy, hungry, and homeless; and our military personnel and veterans.

Chairman, Sara Warren

We will continue to support the Armed Forces Service Center at Miami International Airport where active duty,



Reserve, National Guard and retired military personnel and their families can rest while traveling. It's located in Concourse E and open seven days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to work a 4 hour shift from 9 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 5 pm, contact Angel Rodriguez, Director at 305-409-2207



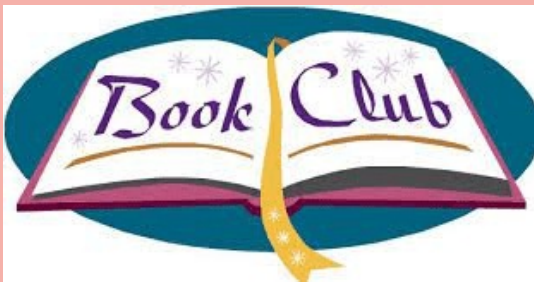
HEALTH and WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



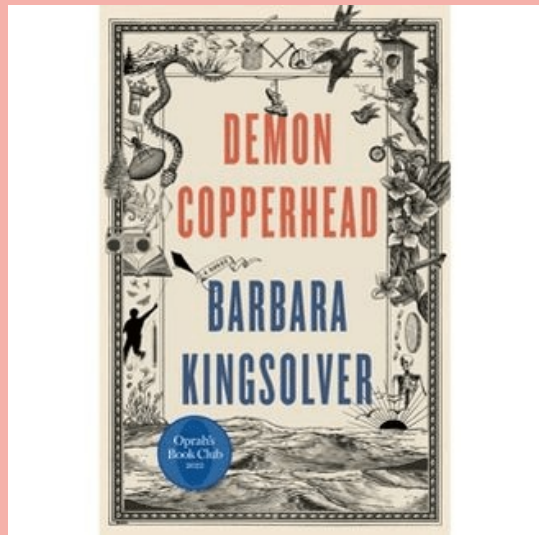
Overview of this CSP -The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our well being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

Chairman, Diana Martin

Our March 8th meeting started with a celebration of International Women's Day! We also had a very informative program on Falls/ Injury and Prevention presented by Mrs. Marlene Guerrero MS,OTR/L. She passed out information packets with useful ways we can "fall proof" our homes. Also, she discussed how to prevent falls by taking care and strengthening our core muscles. She demonstrated exercises and we all participated!



The next meeting of Coco Plum's Book Club is April 4th, 12:30 in the board room. Bring your lunch if you want to have lunch before. The book is "Demon Copperhead", by Barbara Kingsolver. Come and join this fun, interesting group!



Social Hour under the Trees



Tech Talk

Jena taught those in attendance how to use a group photo app and a scanner app on our phones. So proud everyone got an "A" grade! Thank you to those that accepted the challenge. We will do it again!



Did you know...

The busy life of GFWC Coco Plum Woman's Club began on Valentine's Day in 1912 at the home of one of its eight members. They came by wagon, buggy, horseback, bicycle and on foot through a rainstorm to the first meeting. They were sitting on empty dynamite boxes and chose the name Coco Plum Thimble Club. A plant of the namesake fruit "Coco Plum", indigenous to this area, is now growing on the grounds of the club.

On October 16, 1913, a five acre tract on Sunset Road was bought for \$100. The first clubhouse was built by club husbands with lumber provided by one husband to be paid for when possible. The simple frame building with its wide porch stood among pines and palmettos. Inside, shelves were built to hold the library inspired by the first "Pollyanna", a book which was to be prophetic of the spirits of the women of Coco Plum.

The clubhouse was dedicated in November 1914, and in 1916 the club was incorporated as the Woman's Club of Larkin, the name of the nearby community. Coco Plum Woman's Club joined the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs in 1915, and was one of the five clubs that organized Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs in 1916, anjoined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1917.



Calendar Events

- 4/3: Book Club
- 4/12: General Membership Meeting
- 4/21- 4/23: GFWC Florida Convention
- 4/22: Earth Day
- 4/28: Arbor Day
- 5/5: Coco Plum Board Meeting
- 5/10: General Membership Meeting

Click on the Calendar link below which will direct you to our website Calendar page for detailed information and flyers

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and**

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